

REMARKS

The application contains claims 1-38.

All claims are subject to an election of species requirement.

In response to the Examiner's request, Applicants choose the species of Figs. 11A-12B, species 18, with partial traverse.

Applicant notes that Figs. 11A-12B relate to an embodiment where a balloon is folded or formed so as to define a channel for a guidewire (for example). This is generally true also of Figs 8A-8D (species 14-16) and also for Fig. 5A (species 12).

The claims that read directly on the species 18 are 12, 13, 14, 21 and 22.

Claims 1, 10, 11 and 18, 19 are generic.

Additional claims which also relate to having a guidewire channel defined by a balloon are claims 15 and 16, which read on Fig. 5A (species 12) and claim 20 (reads on Fig. 8B).

Applicants reserve the right to file, at a later date, additional divisional applications claiming priority from the present application which are directed to the non-elected species.

An action on the merits is respectfully awaited.

Respectfully submitted,



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